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Inventor(s): Vincent et al. (assignors to HP)

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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AMENDMENT B  
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In accordance with the notice "REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE: 37 CFR 1.121 CHANGED, effective July 30, 2003, the MPEP and 37 CFR, following are:

- (A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS,
- (B) AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION,
- (C) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS,
- (D) REMARKS, including DRAWING AMENDMENTS, if any.

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Applicant Docket No.: 10005744-1  
Amendment B

1 (A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

2 This paper is filed in reply to the Office Action issued on 01/02/2004 with respect to the above-  
3 referenced application. Applicants hereby request reconsideration.

4 In a response filed Nov. 3, 2003, to a previous Office Action, the applicants noted that both the  
5 again-cited references of Vincent '955 and Chen are improper references in accordance with 15  
6 U.S.C. 103(c). Hewlett-Packard is clearly the assignee of both those patents and this  
7 application. That is, all the inventions were "...owned by the same person or subject to an  
8 obligation of assignment to the same person." The Examiner has not addressed this issue.  
9 Written clarification of the Office's opinion is respectfully requested.